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Dear Kathy,

I'm having computer problems, or I'd send a more formal comment letter. But here's my suggestion:

Set serious standards based on the science. Then give the suppliers a LOT of time to phase them in, plus whatever encouragement might be appropriate for the Legislature to help with funding particularly tough problems.

You will only look foolish if you set standards that don't pass the giggle test, like allowing streams to be pumped dry.

The SWMI process -- from what I've observed from a distance -- is something you and the agencies can be proud of. It's impressive to come together to examine the science carefully. The challenge is responding to what you've all learned in a serious way. That means not giving in to the suppliers -- except with time and money. I suspect they'll accept that kind of deal. They don't really want the streams to go dry either.

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